## IT WAS A SUCCESS

The Amateurs Sing the Tuneful "Gondoliers"

IN A CREDITABLE MANNER

The Chorus One of the Best Ever Heard Here-The Orchestra Is Bad-Mise Chamberlain's Hit.

Miss Belle Chambertin made the hit of the evening as Tessa in "The Gondollers" at Powers' last night. She was far and away the best one of the really excellent cast. Miss Chamberlin's voice was a revelation to the audience which filled every seat. Her voice is a wonderfully sweet and pure contraito, sympathetic and flexible, and under excellent control. Her rendition of "When a Merry Maiden Marries" was better than that of Marion Manols, who sang it in "If I Were You" when Powers' was opened. Miss Chamberlin not only can sing, but she can act; a rare combination. The lady is yet young and her voice has not yet sequired the strength and fullness which comes with later



BELLE CHAMBERLAIN. If Miss Chamberlin would modify her love business with Guiseppe it would be more effective. The young woman's versatility was so we in the second act, when she danced the eachucha with the grace of a Glover. iss Chamberlin has a future before her, the britishney of which depends entirely upon herself. The Don Alnambra Bolero of H. Parker Robinson was excellent. The gentleman's voice is a rich barit ne of great sympathy.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fyfe as the duke
and duchess of Plaza-Toro were very good. Casilda bas much pretty music, and Mrs. J. H. Bonneil's powerful soprano was heard to advantage. One of the gems of the opera is the duet of Casilda and Luiz in the first act, "Ah, Woe is Me," and deservedly received an encore. Dr. R. D. Freeman sang Loiz remarkably well and showed him-self the peasessor of a fine bartone. Mrs. Nichols made a charming Gianetta. J. D. Kromer and Alva Curry were cast for Marco and Guiseppe, the gondoleri, and as such were excellent.

The balance of the cast was well taken.

One thing which the immense audience, composed entirely of society people, did not fail to notice, was the vile work of the orchestra. It was enough to have ruined the best opera ever written. The director at no time had his men under control, and each individual had his own idea of harmony and time. It is to be hoped that a re-hearsal for the orchestra will be called some time during the day, and that this evening the music will be played some-where near as it was written. But the superb work of the chorus drowned the orchestra at times which was a blessing. Never has such a well balanced, fresh voiced chorus ever been heard in Grand Rapids. Their work was infinitely better than that of pro-

The production-good as it was, had some glaring faults, one of which has been mentioned. Another thing, was the stage walts, which dragged the performance. Certain members of the cast were a trifle woodeny; but all these things are attendant upon first night's. The opers, which is hand-somely costumed, will be repeated this evening and it will be the last opportunity to hear the best work ever done by Grand Rapids amateurs.

Ida, Van Cort and, whose winsome manners and superb emotional acting charm every auditor, appeared in The Grand last evening to a well filled theater. The piece presented, "Twixt Love and Honor," affords her large scope for the display of her genius for painetic characterization. Much of her work has been confined to the more robust school of dramatization, and her latent capabilities for the subdued roles have remained practicnot one of meritious construction. Its dialogue is easy and natural, but its situations, climaxes and anti-chmaxes are weak. Miss Van Cortland, whose motherly graciousness extends from private life to the siage, is the magnet the piece. The supporting company is a fair one, the acting of Mr. Day being noticeably effective. Henry Patter-John E. Miles, George E. Kendail and Frank E. Miles sequit themselves well. Carrie Kandall and 6-year-old Ethel Day contribute acceptable work. Same piece this afternoon and evening.

Manager Smith is offering a specialty bill this week. It is replete with brilliant and captivating numbers. Billy Jackson's curtain elevator, "Down South Before the War," is a cutely conceived comedictta. It goes with a

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"Gloriana," a bright comedy by one of Daniel Frohman's excellent road companies, will be acted in the Powers Saturday evening.

Mrs. Clara Besick Coloy will deliver or lecture in the Ladies' Laterary club this evening.

City News in Brief. There will be a public installation of officers of Crescent Star Tent, K. O. T. M., and of Grace Hive, L. O. T. M., at Maccabee hall, No. 6 Pearl street, to-morrow night. The uniformed rank division will assist. A musical program will be given. The public is cordially invited. No charge.

A joint installation of officers of Valley City Tent K. O. T. M. and Val-ley City Hive L. O. T. M. was held last evening in Engineers' hall, South Division street. A literary and musical entertainment followed the installation, a fter which a fine collation was served. The annual meeting of the Grand

Rapids Scalper, Grader and Pur fier company was held yesterday, but owing to the fact that several directors were be pronounced a success in every ont of the city, no business was trans-acted, and the meeting adjourned for one month.

The probabilities of probabilities of visitors were present, and it is safe to say that with but a very few excep-

Thursday evening the young people's cla-ses of the Berean Baptist church will give a social at Pettit's hall on Plainfield avenue. Refreshments will be served and a musical program

An alarm of fire at 5:40 yesterday morning called the department to No. 592 Lyon street. A gasoline stove explosion in the house of Frank Watch did \$75 damage, covered by maur-

Members of Oriental chapter, O. E. S., will meet at the lodge room of Doric lodge, No. 54 West Bridge street, at 10 o'clock Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. George Berry.

The entertainment at the regular St. Cecilia meeting Friday afternoon will be a piano forte recital by Mrs. H. Parker R. binson, assisted by Brahm's ladies' string quartet.

Sunday morning at 2 o'clock the water pipes in St. Mark's chapel burst and flooded the chapel, rendering it impossible for the Sunday school to be held in the room. At the regular meeting of the Grand

Rapids Guards, which was held last night, it was voted to appropriate \$25 from the treasury with which to start a library. Charles W. Tufts sold to Mary S. Mc-Naughton of Big Rapids two pieces of property on Joseph Penny's addition yesterday for \$5,500 and \$3,500 respec-

mynty. Dr. Patterson's residence, No. 144 Plainfield avenue was damaged about \$10 worth by fire last night. The blaze was caused by the explosion of an oil

George W. Thompson is put forward as the member of the school board from the Fourth ward to succeed James Blair, deceased.

Grace Hive L. O. T. M. gave a box pedro party and raffled a quilt and cushion at the lodge room on Pearl street last evening.

Seventeen delegates will leave at 7 o'clock this morning to attend the State Federation of Labor annual meeting at Muskegon.

The Lantern Pedro club took a sleigh ride to Plainfield last night and had a jolly time in spite of the cold.

There wilt be a regular meeting of the Royal League at No. 70 Monroe street this evening. M. B. Church, Frank L. Noble, F. N. Davis and E. C. Leavenworth left last

pight for Chicago. The Columbian club gave a private dancing party in Hibernian ball last

David Walker has been appointed deputy sheriff for the village of Cedar

W. S. Stevens, clerk of police court has been deputised by Sheriff Lamoreaux. Mrs. M. L. Kreeger of Middleburg, Pa., is visiting her brother, J. W. Han-

Miss Ora Bennett is confined to her room by an attack of typhoid fever. Leo Andrus is confined to his bed by

a severe attack of typhoid fever. LUMBERMEN WILL MEET. To Discuss Rates and Arrange for Annual

Meeting. Wednesday afternoon the wholesale lumber dealers of the state will hold a meeting in the Morton house to revise the present lumber rates. "The wholesafe dealers now grant ninety days' time," said E. C. Groesbeck resterday. "The principal object of the meeting is to discuss the advisability of cutting

this time down to sixty days." This afternoon at 2 o'clock the retail inmber dealers of the city will meet to discuss the question of inviting the State Retail Lumber Dealers' associaion to hold its annual meeting here

Banqueted the Agents.

Last Saturday afternoon P. R. Perrine. Western Michigan manager for the Singer Manufacturing company, ten-dered a banquet to his sub-managera at his home, No. 100 James street. After a six-course dinner had been discussed a ex-course dinner had been discussed the following tousts were responded to:
"The Singer Manufacturing Company," by James M. Marshall: "The Grand Rapids Branch," P. R. Perriner:
"The Ladies—What Would our Business be Without Them," D. Nei and George Charlebois. After vocal music by those present, Henry Town presented Mr. Perrine with a handsomely engraved gold-headed cane. Mr. Perrine wade a fusion restumes.

graved gold-headed cans. Mr. Petrine made a feeling response.

The company then adjourned to the parlors where Miss Anna Perrine recited "Selling a Felier or Some Other Attachment," by Jerah Allen's wife. The rest of the afterneon was taken up with informal discussions on various subjects bearing on their work.

Those present were James M. Mar. Those present were: James M. Mar-shall, agent Chicago Central; D. Nei, city; Henry Town, Jackson; J. N.

Cooley, Lansing: C. G. Eastman, Battle Creek; G. W. Till, Muskegon: George Charlebois, Greenville; N. B. Flanders, Ionis; A. Denton, Hastings; W. D. Baker and A. M. Hutchins n.

1St. Mark's Hospital Annual. St. Mark's hospital has just issued a hands me annual, containing reports of the secretary, treasurer, chaplain, details of the management of the nurses' school, etc. It is printed on heavy calandered paper and the covers are embelished by engravings of the home and nurses' training school

THE FIRST DAY.

Inclement Weather a Drawback-A Magnificent Display.

That the female sex is possessed with a fair amount of pluck was ably de-monstrated yesterday at Spring a Co.'s linen sale. We, all of us, know how in-clement the weather was, yet to one standing at the obtrance of this firm's stores, watching the crowds of hand-somely attired woman through the crowds of handsomely attired women coming through the portals, the last thought in the world would be that the weather was disagreeable, because each visitor that came seemed to possess a face that was weathed with smiles. The ladies evidently enjoyed braving the elements, because they knew very well that they would be fully repaid for their efforts. In spite of such obstacles as measley

weather, the opening day of Spring & Co.'s eighteenth annual linen sale may one month.

An amendment to the articles of association of the Waddell Manufacturing company was filed yesterday, showing that the capital stock has been raised from \$30,000 to \$100,000, and raising the number of shares to 4,000.

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Prof. W. W. Eagan and brother, James, of Ann Arbor, have purchased Ed O'Donneil's boot and shoe business and will conduct the store under the firm title of "The Eagan Suoe Company."

In the display windows were seen women from Holland and Poland spinning, as was done in ye olden times. It is quite a novelty and attracted much attention. Prof. De Marceills added much to the enjoyment and pleasure of the vistors by rendering a fine musical program on endering a fine musical program on

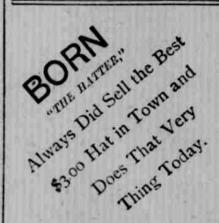
his harp.
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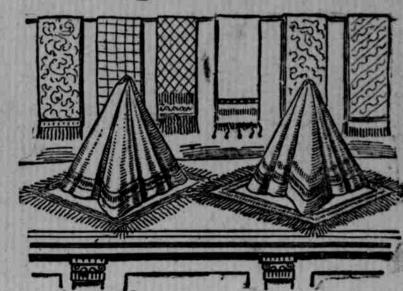
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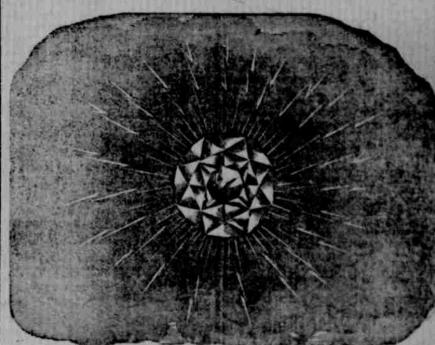
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